

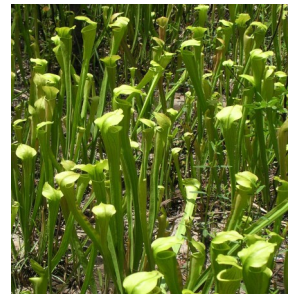


What would you prefer to see when you visit Big Thicket National Preserve?

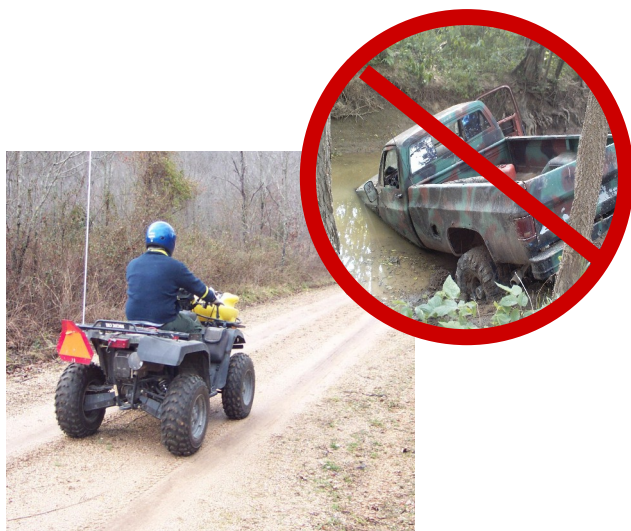


The Effects of Off-Road Vehicles

- ◆ Damage to native vegetation and increase in soil erosion and compaction.
- ◆ Damage to sensitive riparian areas and river banks.
- ◆ Addition of sediments and contaminants to waterways, which can negatively affect habitat for fish and other aquatic life.
- ◆ Spread of invasive weeds.
- ◆ Excess noise that disturbs other visitors and wildlife and interferes with natural wildlife activity.
- ◆ Destruction of archeological or historical sites.
- ◆ Degradation of Big Thicket National Preserve's scenic views and unique natural areas.
- ◆ Increase of motor vehicle accidents and visitor injuries.
- ◆ Creation of roads into undisturbed areas, which can promote the illegal taking, harassment, and stress of wildlife.
- ◆ Trespass and/or damage to adjacent private property bordering the park boundary.



Pitcher Plants are easily damaged by off-road vehicles.



Where can I drive?

- ◆ Legally licensed vehicles must remain on designated park roads, county roads, and state highways when operating within the park.
- ◆ Off-road vehicles that are not street legal are prohibited from operating inside the park boundary.
- ◆ All vehicles are prohibited from operating in streams or rivers.
- ◆ **Violators are subject to up to \$10,000 in fines and up to six months in prison.**
- ◆ **To report damage or illegal activity, call the Preserve at (409) 951-6700.**